Short delivery by petrol pump owners and L.P.G. agencies

743. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies have been found supplying less petrol and cooking gas to the consumers; and

(b) if so, what is the number of petrol pumps and LPG agencies against whom cases have been initiated for short delivery during the last two years and the number of cases in which the defaulters have been prosecuted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Instances of some unscrupulous petrol pump dealers and LPG distributors indulging in malpractices such as short delivery have come to notice and, apart from action under the law being taken by the State Government/Union Terirtory authorities in relevant cases, the oil marketing companies also take action under the Marketing Discipline Guidelines in appropriate cases.

(b) As there are over 13,000 Retail Outlets and over 2,600 LPG Distributors throughout the country, collection of the information from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations besides the oil marketing companies, will involve considerable time and labour which may not be commensurate with the purpose sought to be achieved.

Improving Telephone System

744. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the telephones in the State Capitals and important cities remain out of order; and

(b) if so, what steps have been taken by Government to improve the working of the telephone system in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) It is not correct to say that most of the telephones in the State Capitals and important cities remain out of order. However there is scope to improve the performance further.

(b) The important steps taken to further improve the working of tele phone system in the country are given in the Statement. (*See below*).

Statement

Important steps taken to improve the working telephones:

1. Replacement of life expired and worn-out telephone exchanges and provision of adequate spares for maintenance of serviceable equipment.

2. Introduction of sophisticated electronic exchanges to avoid problems inherent with electro mechanical switching equipments used hitherto.

3. Increasing the capacities of electronic trunk automatic exchanges and phasing out of the Penta conta cross bar trunk automatic exchange equipment which is responsible for large scale failure of STD calls;

4. Pressurisation of cables which enables immediate detection of cable damage and its rectification preventing cable breakdown.

5. Laying of main cables in ducts to protect them from external damages.

6. Use of jelly filled cables to prevent ingress of moisture.

7. Formation of inter-utility co-ordination boards to avoid damage to underground cables.

8. Improvement and expansion of inter-exchange junction network with provision of cable pulse code modulation and microwave systems.

9. Increasing the capacities of inter-metro transmission media and provision of adequate channelling equipment.

10. Computerisation of some of the important auto-manual services like directory enquiry and trunk booking/enquiry.

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PAPERS LAID ON THE TABLE

Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules 1986

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): Sir, I beg to lay on the Table, under sub-section (3) of section 169 of the Representation of the People Act, 1951, a copy (in English and Hindi) of the Ministry of Law and Justice (Legislative Department) Notification S.O. No. 340(E), dated the 4th June, 1986, publishing the Conduct of Elections (Amendment) Rules, 1986. [Placed in Library. See No. LT-2836/86].

Notifications under the Indian Electricity Act, 1910

विद्युत विभाग में राज्य मंत्री तथा पैट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती सुशीला रोहतगी) : श्रीमन् मैं भारतीय विद्युत अधिनियम, 1910 की धारा 38 की उप-धारा (3) के अधीन ऊर्जा मंत्रालय (विद्युत विभाग) की निम्नलिखित अधिसूचनाओं की एक-एक प्रति (अंग्रेजी तथा हिन्दी में) सभा पटल पर रखती हूं –

(i) विद्युत (प्रदाय) वार्षिक लेखा नियम, 1985 को प्रकाशित करने वाली सा० नि० सं० 1134, दिनांक 7 दिसम्बर, 1985

(ii) ऊपर (i) में उल्लिखित अधिसूचना के शुद्धिपत्र को प्रकाशित करने वाली सा० का० नि० सं० 388' दिनांक 31 मई, 1986।

[Placed in Library. See No. LT-2839/86 for (i) and (ii)].

STATEMENT BY MINISTER

I. Incident which took place on the 25th July, 1986 in District Faridkot (Punjab)

II. Incidents which took place in some parts of Delhi on the 26th July, 1986

MR. CHAIRMAN: Then Motion for Election to the Coconut Development Board, Mr. Yogendra Makwana... (*Interruptions*) Nothing will go on record. All of you, please sit down.

(*Interruptions*)

Will you kindly resume your seats? I have an announcement to make. (*Interruptions*) You are wasting time on very small trifles. Please listen. The Home Minister is going to make a very important statement on the Punjab and Delhi incidents. The other Motions and Special Mentions will be taken up afterwards.